



Minutes Tempe Bicycle Advisory Committee October 2, 2003

Minutes of the City of Tempe Bicycle Advisory Committee held on October 2, 2003, 7:30 a.m., at the Public Works Conference Room, garden level of Tempe City Hall, 31 E. 5th Street, Tempe, Arizona.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Robert Atkinson, Patricia Berning, Kathy Ehrhardt, Paul Emerson, William Haas, Roy Hoyt, Ken Keberle, Bob Kruft, Scott Nowicki, John Tynan, Joan Westlake

(MEMBERS) Absent:

John Minett

City Staff Present:

Fred Brittingham, Carlos de Leon, Bobbi Lloyd, Ryan Lovesque, Larry Shobe, Sue Taaffe, Elizabeth Thomas, Shawn Wagner, Sgt. Mike Warren

Guests Present:

Jim Cloughessy (ASU), Niels Koepke (Tempe Resident), T. Newton (Tempe Resident), Michelle Owen (ASU), Bryan Young (Tempe Resident)

Meeting convened at 7:34 a.m.

Roy Hoyt, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Agenda Item 1 – Consideration of Meeting Minutes

Roy Hoyt asked if there were any corrections to the submitted minutes. None were provided. Roy then asked if there was a motion for approval. Scott Nowicki made a motion to approve the September 4, 2003 Bicycle Advisory Committee meeting minutes. Bob Kruft seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Agenda Item 2 – Public Appearances

Roy asked for comments from the public on any agenda items; no comments were given.

Agenda Item 3 – Zoning Code Rewrite

Fred Brittingham stated that since early 2001 the City of Tempe has been drafting a new zoning code ordinance. Zoning codes establish the standards for buildings and their uses within a community. The current code was enacted in 1976 and was designed to accommodate typical suburban growth. Today, the City of Tempe has very little vacant land left for development.

Future growth in the community will occur through revitalization and reinvestment in the existing supply of buildings, both residential and non-residential. Redevelopment of under utilized land and buildings will also occur. Tempe's existing code is not designed to accommodate such growth and it is time to update the regulations. Some of the bicycle related changes in the preliminary draft include:

- First set of bicycle standards
- Renamed the ASU commute area to the Bicycle Commute Area and revised standards
- Proposed new way of determining number of bike parking spaces based on location and need
- Less driveways to allow safer bike commute
- Additional bike parking areas

Public hearings have been scheduled for November 12th and December 9th. Fred encouraged the Committee to provide comments, input or feedback for him to take forward to the Planning Commission. Comments can be made through the web site www.tempe.gov/rewrite. Fred stated that CD's and hard copies are available upon request. It is anticipated that the new code will be considered by the City Council in early 2004.

Committee members requested that this item be placed on next month's agenda for follow up and possible comment.

Agenda Item 4 – Facilities Ride

Elizabeth stated that ideally the Facilities Ride should be done once a year, this is an opportunity for Committee members to bike in Tempe and to look at and record any significant problems with bike lanes, bike routes, signage, etc. This process helps to let staff know if there are any immediate issues that need to be corrected and helps document and prioritize concerns that staff may not even be aware of. Elizabeth provided a Facilities Ride Checklist and Facilities Ride/Bikeway Inventory sheets along with an area sign up sheet.

Agenda Item 5 – Transportation Project Updates

- Walk to School Day 2003-** Sue stated that Walk to School Day 2003 will be held on Wednesday, October 8. Twenty schools are participating and some of the schools will have fire trucks on display. T-shirts were offered to participating Committee members.
- Tour de Tempe 2003-** This is the eighth year of the event. Current number of pre-registrants is 850. Neighborhood Associations along the route were sent a letter informing them about the event and encouraging their support and participation. A downtown church has offered to provide a water table and staff it as well. A mailing of event posters went out to Tempe apartment and employers. Event posters and brochures were made available to Committee members.
- Safe Routes to School-** Elizabeth stated there are lots of existing publications that we can use to start a pilot program in Tempe. Tucson is kicking off their pilot program this month, lots of research and pre-surveying was done. Staff would like one school to start working with to establish a pilot program and to form a toolkit. This toolkit could then be made available to other Tempe schools for them to implement if they choose. Elizabeth asked Committee members to decide what level of involvement they wanted to have. Sgt. Mike Warren offered to provide a list of schools that they receive a lot of calls on to Elizabeth.

Agenda Item 6 – Future Agenda Items

- Zoning Code Rewrite
- Country Club Way Bike/Pedestrian Bridge Update
- Tempe General Plan
- Regional Transportation Plan

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 a.m.

The Committee's next meeting will be **Thursday, November 6, 2003.**

Prepared by: Bobbi Lloyd

Reviewed by: Elizabeth Thomas

Elizabeth Thomas
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